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TUNIS REPORTS ON RESULTS OF KISSINGER TALKS

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(TEXT) PRESIDENT HABIB BOURGUIBA CONFERRED LAST NIGHT WITH HENRY KISSINGER, U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, AT THE REPUBLICAN PALACE IN CARTHAGE. THE MEETING WAS ATTENDED ON THE TUNISIAN SIDE BY PREMIER HEDI NOUIRA; FOREIGN MINISTER MOHAMED MASMOUDI; HABIB ASH-SHATTI, DIRECTOR OF THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE; ('ABD AL-'AZIZ HAMZAWI), SECRETARY OF STATE AT FOREIGN MINISTRY; ('ALI HIDDAH), HEAD OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE; AND SALAHEDDINE E'L GOULTT, TUNISIAN AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON; AND, ON THE AMERICAN SIDE BY JOSEPH SISCO, UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE MIDDLE EAST; DAVID NEWSON, UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS; ROBERT MCCLOSKEY, SPOKESMAN FOR THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT; AND TALCOTT SEELYE, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO TUNIS.

TALKS BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE LASTED FOR ABOUT 1 HOUR AFTER WHICH THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HIS WISHES FOR KISSINGER'S SUCCESS IN HIS TASK.

FROM THE REPUBLICAN PALACE IN CARTHAGE HENRY KISSINGER LEFT FOR THE AIRPORT EN ROUTE FOR CAIRO. HE WAS SEEN OFF BY PREMIER NOUIRA AND MOHAMED MASMOUDI AND THE PERSONALITIES WHICH HAD WELCOMED HIM ON HIS ARRIVAL IN TUNIS.

BEFORE THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE'S DEPARTURE, MOHAMED MASMOUDI STATED THAT THE MEETING HAD BEEN USEFUL. IT DEALT WITH THE HEART (OF THE ISSUE--FBIS) INCLUDING THE PALESTINE ISSUE. THE TALKS COULD BE CONSTRUCTIVE FOLLOWING THE DECISIVE STATE OF THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE'S TOUR IN EGYPT.

MEANWHILE, DAVID NEWSON, UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS, STARTED A 24-HOUR VISIT TO TUNISIA LAST NIGHT.

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